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Dear Carl: *4/2/55*

I knew you would be eager to hear the latest good news about Bob Wright. (Peter Day told me he had written to you about the automobile accident).

As you know, he was badly hurt, and in fact has been unconscious for almost these two weeks. We had ample reason, especially at first, to fear for his life, and he seemed to be making very little progress. However, he has come back to consciousness over the weekend— I saw him just a few minutes ago, and he is well oriented, even remembering details of his trip and visit with you. It is not certain yet how much irreparable injury he will be left with, as he continues to improve; at worst it will affect parts of his left side, and not so as to prevent him from resuming his promising career. We can still hope that this will substantially lessen in time too.

You met Bob only briefly, but I am sure you must already have been so well impressed that you can appreciate how the rest of us who have enjoyed working with him have felt about the whole affair. We have every cause to be thankful now. Mari has told us of your excellent (as usual) hospitality; do let us return it in part by visiting Madison yourselves. She has been a good soldier throughout this ordeal.

Yours sincerely,

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